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EPIDEMIC INFLUENZA.

PREVALENCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Reports from State health officers and from the zones surrounding Army camps indicate that there has not been any decided general change in the prevalence of influenza in the United States. In Louisiana a recrudescence of the disease is reported from a number of places, and in California the disease appears to be increasing in most communities.

The reports from States for the week ended January 11, 1919, as compared with the preceding week, show increases in the number of cases reported from Arkansas, California, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Oregon, and Washington.

Decreases in the number of cases reported are noted in Connecticut, Maine, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Vermont, and Virginia. (See pp. 80 and 84 of this issue of the Public Health Reports.)

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MILK STANDARDS.

[Meeting held in Chicago, Ill., Dec. 8, 1918.]

The National Commission on Milk Standards appointed by the New York milk committee has received from its members reports concerning the prices paid for milk to the producer and the prices at which milk is sold to the consumer, the quantity of milk sold, and the mortality statistics from localities represented by members of the commission, including Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Baltimore, Toronto, Indianapolis, Chicago, Jacksonville, and others, and it is the judgment of the commission—

(1) That the price of milk to the consumer from 1914 to 1918 has in general increased from 50 to 100 per cent.

(2) That while the quantity of milk consumed has fluctuated in the cities from which reports have been received, yet generally at the present time it is not less than the normal or usual supply.